

REMARKS

This Amendment makes editorial changes to claims 1, 2, 7, 12 and 14. Claims 1-10, 12 and 14 are pending.

Examiner Lee is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during a personal interview held July 7, 2009. The Examiner Interview Summary Record accurately reflects the substance of the interview.

Entry of this Amendment is earnestly requested, as it is believed (1) to place the application in condition for allowance, (2) not to raise any new issue or require further search, and (3) to place the application in even better form for appeal, should such appeal be necessary. The claim amendments are merely editorial, and are intended to make the claims even more definite.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-10, 12 and 14 over U.S. Patent No. 6,459,588 to Morizumi et al. is traversed. A feature of the claimed method and smart card is the deposition/presence of a resin layer on a predetermined zone on an antenna support, with the zone corresponding to the location where the entire antenna is to be printed or being slightly larger than this location. The resin layer is more dimensionally stable than the antenna support at elevated temperature and pressure.

As the Examiner agreed during the interview, Morizumi et al. fails to disclose (or suggest) the "entire antenna location" feature of the claimed method and smart card. Isolation layer 14 does not encompass the entire antenna circuit 13, as clearly shown in Figs. 1, 3, 7 and 8.

Moreover, there is no disclosure or suggestion that Morizumi et al.'s isolation resin layer is more dimensionally stable than the antenna support at elevated temperature and pressure. Instead, both layers can be made of polystyrene. Compare Col. 3, line 51 (card substrate can be polystyrene) with Col. 5, lines 4-6 (isolation layer can be a styrene resin or styrene copolymer resin such as polystyrene or poly-a-methyl-styrene).

An inherent anticipation rejection requires the inherent property or feature to be necessarily present rather than a mere probability. The possibility that both layers can be polystyrene demonstrates that the isolation layer is not necessarily more dimensionally stable than the antenna support at elevated temperature and pressure.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of claims 1-10, 12 and 14 over Morizumi et al. are earnestly requested.

It is believed this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of claims 1-10, 12 and 14, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed to these claims, are earnestly requested. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned should he believe any further action is required for allowance.

The fee for a one month extension of time is being paid electronically today. It is not believed any additional fee is required for entry and consideration of this Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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